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SUBJ: MORE INDICATIONS OF PARTY CONGRESS

SUMMARY: EVIDENCE CONTINUES TO ACCUMULATE THAT PARTY CONGRESS WILL BE HELD IN AUGUST. TOPICS REPORTEDLY BEING DISCUSSED AT LOWER LEVELS OF PARTY -- DEFINITIVE REPORT ON LIN PIAO AND CHEN PO-TA, DELEGATE QUOTAS, RESOURCE REALLOCATIONS, AND VALIDITY OF NINTH PARTY CONGRESS REPORT -- ALL SEEM LOGICAL TOPICS PREPARATORY TO MAJOR PARTY GATHERING. END SUMMARY.

1. TIMING. FOLLOWING ITEMS CIRCULATING PEKING DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY ALL POINT FURTHER TO CONVENING OF PARTY CONGRESS IN AUGUST. AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR REPORTS WANT KUO-CH'UAN, CHINESE AMBASSADOR IN CANBERRA, TOLD AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT RECENTLY THAT CONGRESS "PROBABLY" WOULD BE HELD IN AUGUST. YUGOSLAVS HAVE TOLD US THAT ANNUAL DELEGATION OF HIGH LEVEL PARTY CADRES FROM ROMANIA WHICH ORDINARILY COMES TO PRC IN AUGUST FOR VACATION HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER.

2. SUBSTANCE. YUGOSLAVS SAY THEY HAVE REPORTS OF LOW LEVEL PARTY MEETINGS DISCUSSING SERIES OF TOPICS PREPARATORY TO MAJOR PARTY GATHERING. ONE OF THESE IS FIFTY PAGE FINAL REPORT ON LIN PIAO AND CHEN PO-TA WHICH LAYS PRIMARY BLAME FOR

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IDEOLOGICAL DEVIATION ON CHEN, AND PORTRAYS LIN AS DUPE WHOSE

WILD AMBITIONS WARPED HIM IRRETRIEVABLY AND LED TO DOWNFALL. ANOTHER TOPIC IS REALLOCATION OF REGIONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL QUOTAS FOR NUMBER OF PARTY DELEGATES TO ATTEND CONGRESS. ONE MAJOR CHANGE REPORTEDLY IS INCREASE OF STATE COUNCIL DELEGATE QUOTA FROM SOME FIFTEEN (AT NINTH PARTY CONGRESS) TO MORE THAN FIFTY, AND REDUCTION OF PLA QUOTA TO A FIGURE SOMEWHAT ABOVE ONE HUNDRED. LARGE INCREASE IN WORKER'S REPRESENTATION ALSO PLANNED. FINANCIAL PRIORITIES ARE ANOTHER TOPIC OF DISCUSSION, WITH PRESSURE REPORTED FOR DIVERSION OF FUNDS FROM MILITARY TO CIVILIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NOW THAT WORLD SITUATION LESS THREATENING. THROUGH-OUT DISCUSSIONS, LIN PIAO'S REPORT TO NINTH PARTY CONGRESS PORTRAYED AS STILL VALID, THE RESULT OF SOUND COLLECTIVE EFFORT AT THE LOWER LEVELS OF THE PARTY, WITH LIN'S ROLE PURELY NOMINAL.

3. COMMENT. WE HAVE NO WAY OF CONFIRMING ABOVE REPORTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE DEALING WITH SUBSTANCE OF PARTY MEETINGS. TOPICS SEEM LOGICAL ENOUGH, ALTHOUGH CLEARLY NOT A COMPLETE LIST. WE WOULD EXPECT PARTY CONGRESS TO DEAL WITH ISSUE OF LIN PIAO AND CHEN PO-TA. EFFORT TO MAKE CHEN THE IDEOLOGICAL VILLAIN COULD BE TACTIC DESIGNED TO GAIN SUPPORT OF CURRENT LEADERS WHOSE LINKS WITH LIN PIAO STILL TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT. PRESSURE TO RESTRUCTURE PARTY DELEGATE QUOTAS SEEMS IN LINE WITH PREEMINENT POSITION OF CHOU EN-LAI AND PROMINENCE OF STATE COUNCIL, AND WITH CURRENT EFFORTS TO DOWNGRADE PLA, AND REBUILD THE LABOR UNIONS. REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES ANOTHER APPROPRIATE TOPIC, ESPECIALLY AT TIME WHEN PRC CONCERNED WITH STIMULATING ECONOMIC GROWTH AND COVERING LARGE PURCHASES OF FOOD AND INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT FROM ABROAD. FINALLY, SUPPORT FOR CORRECTNESS OF GENERAL LINE LAID DOWN BY NINTH PARTY CONGRESS CONGRUENT WITH STEADY STREAM OF REFERENCES TO "VICTORIOUS UNITY OF THE NINTH PARTY CONGRESS" APPEARING IN CENTRAL MEDIA.

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